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**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Re: Application of Albert AUMER and Domagoj ILIC  
**METHOD FOR OPERATING A MODULAR CONTROL SYSTEM AND  
CONTROL SYSTEM THEREFOR**  
Assignee: SIEMENS AKTIENGESELLSCHAFT  
Our Ref. Q77164

Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising ten (11) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, and one (1) sheet of drawings. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) with six (6) references. **Copies of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney and of an Assignment will be submitted at a later date.**

The present application is being filed as a Continuation Application, under 35 U.S.C. § 111 (a) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.53, of International Application PCT/DE02/01456, filed April 19, 2002, in accordance with the procedures outlined in Sections 1895 et seq. of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure. To facilitate the Examiner's review, Applicants are submitting herewith a copy of the Cover Page of the published International Application and a copy of Applicants' PCT Request.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

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A check for the statutory filing fee of \$770.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.



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<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Germany	101 19 622.9	April 20, 2001

The priority document is enclosed herewith.

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